

# NHS Application Reminders

## Key Dates

- ◆ Attend the parent/candidate application night in the media center on Sept. 7, 2011, and/or the after-school workshop in Sept. 14, 2011.
- ◆ Two copies of application due on Sept. 19, 2011 to Ms. Dapsauski to room 1432. *One copy should NOT have your name on it. MARK out all references to your name on all pages and supporting materials,*
- ◆ Notification of selection or nonselection mailed roughly around Oct. 20, 2011.
- ◆ If you disagree with the decision, please discuss your concerns with the advisors first. You have five days from receiving notification in which to write a formal appeal.
- ◆ Induction will be held the night of Nov. 2.

## Written Responses (Quality and thoughtfulness, not quantity)

1. Roles NHS members should play in building a strong school community and fixing some of the problems here at TJ. (Pick **ONE or TWO big issues** that you have some ideas for fixing and can really explain how you would be involved.)
2. How have you responded when you have made a mistake? What you have learned from the mistake? (Pick **ONE mistake** that you feel helped shape a belief you have, or that you learned from, or that tested you. Explain and tell how the experience affected you.)

## Leadership and Service Sections (The Faculty Council heavily considers these sections)

1. Think about all the little things you had to do in order to perform the leadership or service role.
2. You can use the same experience in both the Leadership and Service categories, if it shows both leadership and service. For example, you were in a charge of a volunteer trash-pickup group. You organized it, and you did it for free.
3. Think about what skills were involved.
4. Use strong verbs, like those found on lists for resumes.
5. Think about how this activity showed leadership and/or service.
6. Include specific dates, months, years and hours.

## **LEADERSHIP EXAMPLE**

Operated self-employed lawn care business

**BEFORE:** Mowed lawns and collected money

**AFTER:**

- ♦ Negotiated services with clients in neighborhood
- ♦ Scheduled and executed appointments weekly
- ♦ Calculated costs of services based on client needs
- ♦ Managed and maintained expensive equipment
- ♦ Marketed business through flyers, internet ads, etc.

## **SERVICE EXAMPLE**

Designed website for club

**BEFORE:** I made a website for my German club

**AFTER:**

- ♦ Formulated ideas with club advisor
- ♦ Assembled important information for the site
- ♦ Designed and drafted site
- ♦ Reviewed and revised site with club officers
- ♦ Supervised and updated page regularly

*What about that lawn care business?*

Operated self-employed lawn care business

**BEFORE:** Mowed lawns of seniors in neighborhood

**AFTER:**

- ♦ Met with two older neighbors who were having trouble keeping their lawns mowed
- ♦ Developed a free mowing schedule
- ♦ Maintained lawns by mowing, raking, trimming and cleaning for free

## **Reminders!**

1. BREAK down your experience
2. Use ACTION verbs to describe what you did
3. Remember what leadership is: You in charge of something or someone
4. Remember what service is: You helping for free (but not helping your family or relatives with things family do for one another)
5. Be polished, professional and proud!

## **Memory Loggers for Other Sections:**

### **Involvement**

- School clubs and teams
- Church and Scouts
- Internships
- Community clubs and organizations
- Camps and conferences
- Theater, drama, band, etc.
- Official events
- Activities related to causes (hunger, poverty, breast cancer, MS, Toys for Tots, homeless, soldiers, environmental, etc.)

### **Honors/Awards Section**

- Honor roll, Shining Stars, academic letters, Maryland Distinguished Scholar, etc.
- Awards given in scouts, clubs or on teams
- Art, music, drama awards
- Church honors
- Recognition letters
- Whose Who
- Competitions and contests
- On the job
- Frederick Fair awards